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APPLICANTS : OLIVER NICKEL
SERIAL NO. : 09/844,084
FILED : April 27, 2001
FOR : MASKING TAPE AND ITS USE
ART UNIT : 1771
EXAMINER : L. Salvatore

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE TO *EX PARTE* QUAYLE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix**, which is a new abstract, is attached.